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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

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The Creed of Abraham Lincoln in his own words

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE ALMIGHTY RULER OF NATIONS, OUR GREAT AND GOOD AND MERCIFUL MAKER, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, WHO NOTES THE FALL OF A SPARROW AND NUMBERS THE HAIRS OF OUR HEADS.
I BELIEVE IN HIS ETERNAL TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

I RECOGNIZE THE SUBLIME TRUTH ANNOUNCED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVEN BY ALL HISTORY THAT THOSE NATIONS ONLY ARE BLESSED WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF NATIONS AS WELL AS OF MEN TO OWN THEIR DEPENDENCE UPON THE OVERRULING POWER OF GOD, AND TO INVOKE THE INFLUENCE OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT; TO CONFESS THEIR SINS AND TRANSGRESSIONS IN HUMBLE SORROW, YET WITH ASSURED HOPE THAT GENUINE REPENTANCE WILL LEAD TO MERCY AND PARDON.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS MEET AND RIGHT TO RECOGNIZE AND CONFESS THE PRESENCE OF THE ALMIGHTY FATHER EQUALLY IN OUR TRIUMPHS AND IN THOSE SORROWS WHICH WE MAY JUSTLY FEAR ARE A PUNISHMENT INFLICTED UPON US FOR OUR PRESUMPTUOUS SINS TO THE NEEDFUL END OF OUR REFORMATION.

I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE BEST GIFT WHICH GOD HAS EVER GIVEN TO MEN, ALL THE GOOD FROM THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD IS COMMUNICATED TO US THROUGH THIS BOOK.

I BELIEVE THE WILL OF GOD PREVAILS. WITHOUT HIM ALL HUMAN RELIANCE IS VAIN. WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THAT DIVINE BEING I CAN NOT SUCCEED, WITH THAT ASSISTANCE I CAN NOT FAIL.

BEING A HUMBLE INSTRUMENT IN THE HANDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER I DESIRE THAT ALL MY WORKS AND ACTS MAY BE ACCORDING TO HIS WILL; AND THAT IT MAY BE SO, I GIVE THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY, AND SEEK HIS AID.

I HAVE A SOLEMN OATH REGISTERED IN HEAVEN TO FINISH THE WORK I AM IN, IN FULL VIEW OF MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MY GOD, WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE; WITH CHARITY FOR ALL; WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT AS GOD GIVES ME TO SEE THE RIGHT, COMMENDING THOSE WHO LOVE ME TO HIS CARE, AS I HOPE IN THEIR PRAYERS THEY WILL COMMEND ME. I LOOK THROUGH THE HELP OF GOD TO A JOYOUS MEETING WITH MANY LOVED ONES GONE BEFORE.

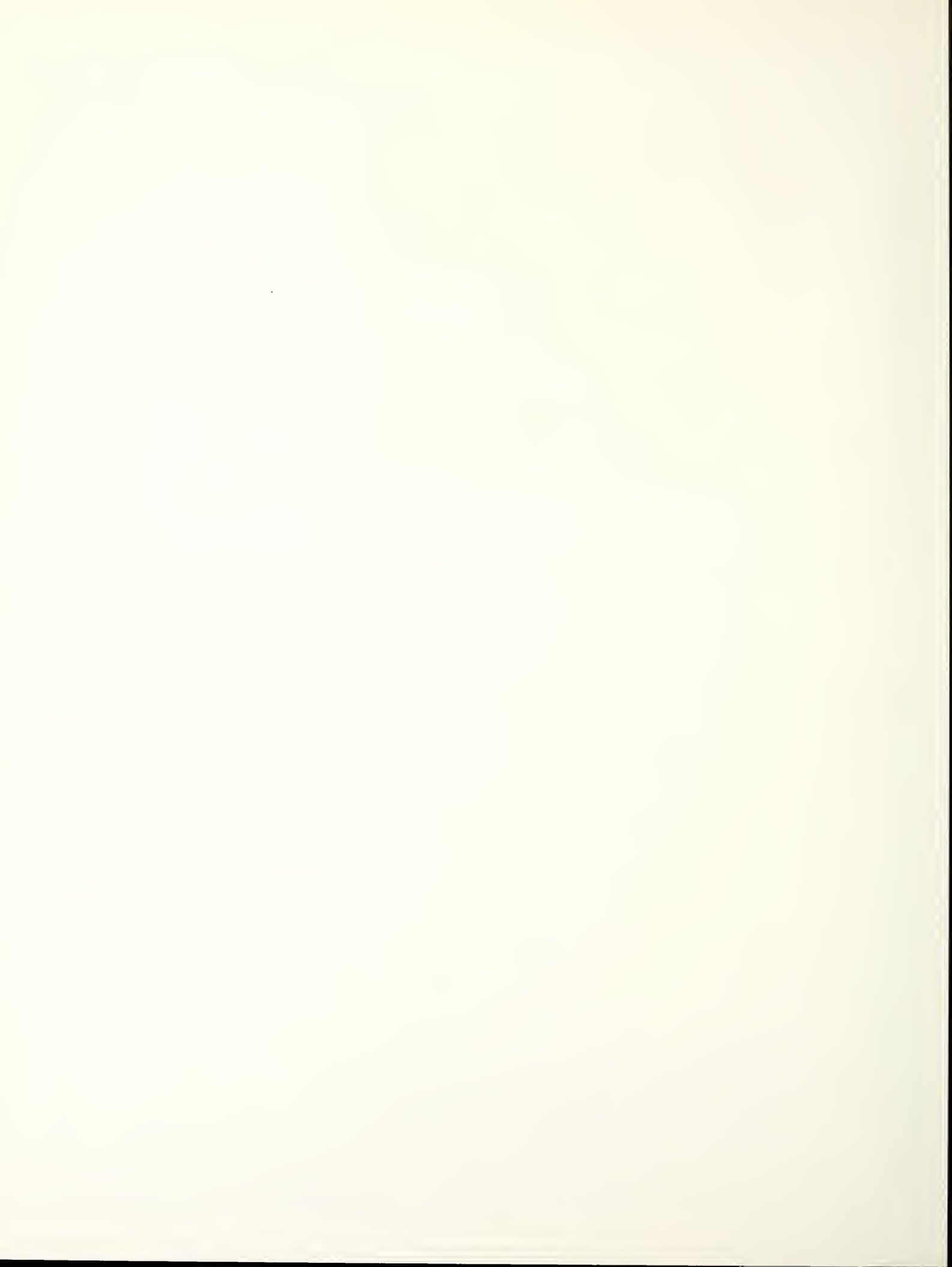
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By Sallman

"I believe that the Bible is the best gift which God has ever given to men. All the good from the saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book."

A. Lincoln 1864





- HONESTY
 - INTEGRITY
 - HUMILITY
 - UNDERSTANDING
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FOUR BASIC CHARACTER TRAITS
POSSESSED BY AND DEEPLY
ROOTED IN THE MAN

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

For many years I was familiar with a quote attributed to him concerning the BIBLE: "*I am now profitably engaged in reading the Bible.*" After a long, diligent search for the origin and authenticity of this statement, I came upon the published facts with the aid of the librarian at the Chicago Historical Society. In a book entitled *THE SOUL OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN*, by Wm. E. Barton (Doran, 1920), we came upon this episode.

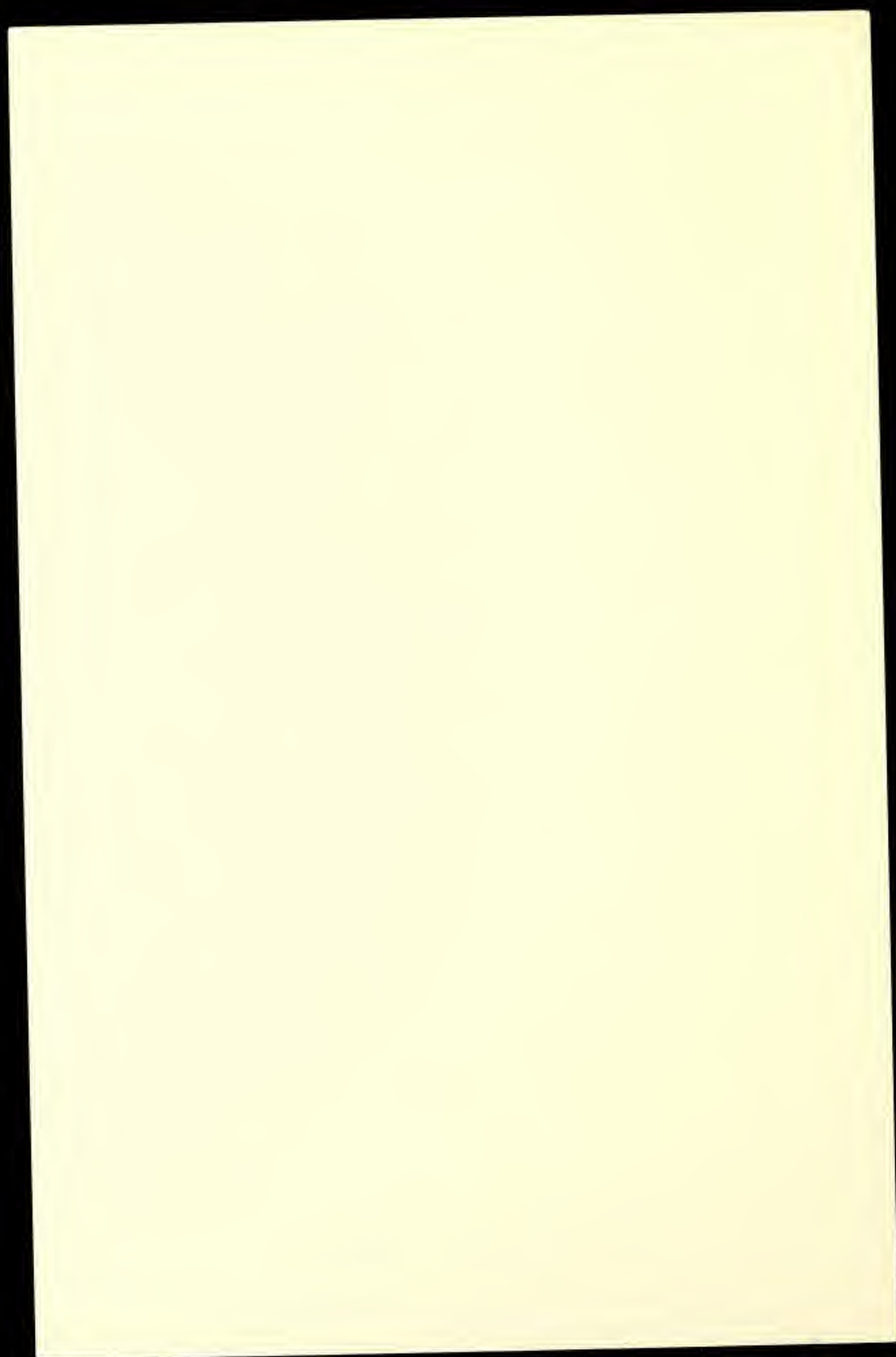
Joshua F. Speed, a long-time friend and confidant of Lincoln, one who had free access to the executive mansion at any time, relates the following experience in one of his lectures on Abraham Lincoln. It happened during the summer of 1864, several months before Lincoln was assassinated.

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Quote: As I entered the room, near night, he was sitting near a window intently reading the Bible. Approaching him, I said, 'I am glad to see you so profitably engaged!' 'Yes,' said he, 'I am profitably engaged!' 'Well,' said I, 'if you have recovered from your skepticism, I am sorry to say I have not.' Looking me earnestly in the face, and placing his hand on my shoulder, he said, 'You are wrong, Speed; take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance on faith and you will live and die a happier man.'

This incident emphasizing the quality of LINCOLN'S spiritual life and its source was the inspiration of my portrait of one called, "THE GREATEST AMERICAN."

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